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LETTER DATED 28 JULY 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 28 July 1993 from H.E. Vladislav Jovanovic, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia addressed to the President of the Security Council, in reference to the letter dated 20 July 1993 addressed to the President of the Council by Mme. Margaretha af Ugglas, Chairman of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe Council.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Further to the letter addressed to you by Mme. Margaretha af Ugglas, Chairman of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) Council on 20 July 1993, informing you of the cessation of the work of the CSCE missions of long duration in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, I want to inform you of the following. Although the representatives of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia were unjustly suspended from the work of CSCE meetings by the decision taken at the thirteenth meeting of the CSCE Committee of Senior Officials held on 8 July 1992, the Government of my country continued to fulfil its CSCE commitments, playing host to a number of visits by CSCE missions and complying with all CSCE principles and standards. Despite the discriminatory position imposed on Yugoslavia by the suspension decision, the Yugoslav Government accepted the CSCE missions of long duration, demonstrating thus its readiness to cooperate with CSCE.

It was our rightful hope and demand that, on their part, the competent CSCE bodies would respect our cooperative and consistent attitude and re-examine their suspension decision, thus enabling the representatives of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to participate again in CSCE activities. Unfortunately, despite our cooperative attitude, the Yugoslav representatives continue to be denied the right to participate in any activity of CSCE, even the right to participate in discussions and provide information about questions related to the Yugoslav crisis. It is absolutely necessary to overcome this state of affairs soon and treat the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia as a sovereign State and an equal partner. We cannot be given endless new demands and always set new conditions to be fulfilled without normal participation by us in the decision-making process.

I take this opportunity to inform you that the Yugoslav side has been ready to and interested in continuing cooperation with CSCE on an equal footing, as we have stated on numerous occasions. The Yugoslav Government therefore considers that there is no reason for the discriminatory treatment of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia within CSCE and that the suspension decision should be lifted. In this context we have proposed a dialogue with competent CSCE bodies on questions related to the normalization of relations between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and CSCE and our reintegration in all CSCE activities. Such an offer for cooperation was also made during the recent talks between a high-ranking representative of the Yugoslav Government with the representatives of the CSCE "Troika" on 9 July 1993 in Stockholm. We are very interested in the continuation of this dialogue and we expect that representatives of the CSCE "Troika" will visit Belgrade for further talks. Continued isolation of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia from CSCE activities is not conducive to the continuation of cooperation and the extension of the present status of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is not in anybody's interest.

As to the question of the continued acceptance of the CSCE missions of long duration by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, let me point out once again that the Yugoslav Government is willing and ready to continue to cooperate with CSCE, but only as an equal partner. Regulating our status and enabling our representatives to participate again in CSCE activities would, in my opinion, be mutually beneficial. Normalization of cooperation between the Federal Republic

of Yugoslavia and CSCE would certainly facilitate the acceptance of the CSCE missions of long duration in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in future.

I would like to assure the members of the Security Council that the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is ready and willing to continue to cooperate with CSCE and its various missions. We are the ones that are unjustly prevented from participating in CSCE, and it would be unjust and unfair to imply that we are the ones to be blamed for a non-cooperative attitude.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIC
Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs